

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1–4 Canceled

Claim 5(Original): A tackle container for holding fishing lures, each said lure having a body and a plurality of hooks, said container comprising:

a bottom;

a continuous sidewall;

at least two slots vertically oriented on said sidewall;

at least two inserts each having an end wall, said end wall having a bottom edge, and a rail on the outside of said end wall, said rail adapted to slide vertically into one of said slots such that said bottom edge remains parallel with said bottom;

wherein when said rails are inserted into said slots, at least one channel is formed having an upper portion and a lower portion, said channel comprised of two barriers, said lower portion offset from said upper portion;

whereby when said rails are inserted into said slots, said inserts are held in place, and when said fishing lure is placed within said channel with said hooks facing said bottom, said hooks come to rest under one of said barriers with the weight of said body urging said hooks into said barrier.

Claim 6(Currently amended): The container of claim 5 further comprising:

a second slot vertically oriented on said sidewall opposite said slot;

a second end wall perpendicular to said base at said second short side on said insert opposite said end wall;

a second rail on the outside of said second end wall, said second rail adapted to slide vertically into said second slot as said rail slides into said slot.

Claim 7(Original): The container of claim 6, further comprising:

a third slot on said sidewall, parallel to and adjacent to said slot;

a fourth slot on said sidewall, opposite said third slot, parallel to and adjacent said second slot;

third and fourth rails on the outside of said end walls adapted to slide vertically into said third and fourth slots, respectively, as said rail and said second rail slide into said slot and said second slot.

Claim 8(New): The container of Claim 5, wherein said vertical slots are parallel and positioned alongside each other.

Claim 9(New): The container of Claim 5, wherein said vertical slots are positioned on opposite portions of said sidewall.

Claim 10(New): The container of Claim 5, wherein each said insert comprises a substantially concave barrier, said barrier adjoining said end wall of said insert.

Claim 11(New): The container of Claim 10, wherein said barrier comprises at least one segment.

Claim 12(New): The container of Claim 10, wherein said barrier is curved.

Claim 13(New): The container of Claim 5, wherein said channel comprises a nesting space in which said hooks rest.

Claim 14(New): A tackle container for holding fishing lures, each lure having a body and a plurality of hooks, the container comprising:

- a bottom;

- a continuous sidewall surrounding the perimeter of said bottom;

- a first slot and a second slot, said first and second slots vertically oriented on said sidewall;

- a first insert and a second insert, each said insert comprising a substantially concave barrier adjoining a first end wall, said first end wall comprising a vertical rail opposite said barrier;

wherein said first insert's vertical rail slides into said first slot and said second insert's vertical rail slides into said second slot such that said first insert's barrier and said second insert's barrier define a channel there between, wherein the channel includes a nesting space.

Claim 15(New): The container of Claim 14, wherein said vertical slots are parallel and positioned alongside each other.

Claim 16(New): The container of Claim 14, wherein said vertical slots are positioned on opposite portions of said sidewall.

Claim 17(New): The container of Claim 14, wherein each said barrier is segmented.

Claim 18(New): The container of Claim 14, wherein each said barrier comprises a plurality of joined segments.

Claim 19(New): The container of Claim 14, wherein each said barrier is curved.

Claim 20(New): The container of claim 14, comprising:

a third slot vertically oriented on said sidewall opposite said first slot;

a second end wall on said first insert, said second end wall connected to said barrier of said first insert opposite said first end wall of said first insert;

a second rail on the outside of said second end wall of said first insert, said second rail adapted to slide vertically into said third slot as said first rail of said first insert slides into said first slot.

Claim 21(New): The container of claim 20, further comprising:

a fourth slot on said sidewall, parallel to and between said first and second slots;

a fifth slot on said sidewall, opposite said fourth slot, parallel to and adjacent said third slot;

a third rail on the outside of said first end wall of said first insert and a fourth rail on the outside of said second end wall of said first insert, said third rail adapted to slide vertically into said fourth slot, as said fourth rail slides vertically into said fifth slot.

Claim 22(New): The container of Claim 21, further comprising:

a sixth slot vertically oriented on said sidewall opposite said second slot and adjacent and parallel to said third and fifth slots;

a second end wall on said second insert, said second end wall connected to said barrier of said second insert opposite said first end wall of said second insert;

a fifth rail on the outside of said second end wall of said second insert, said fifth rail adapted to slide vertically into said sixth slot as said first rail on said first end wall of said second insert slides into said second slot.

Claim 23(New): The container of claim 22, further comprising:

a seventh slot on said sidewall, parallel to and adjacent to said second slot;

an eighth slot on said sidewall, opposite said seventh slot, parallel to and adjacent said sixth slot;

a sixth rail on the outside of said first end wall of said second insert and a seventh rail on the outside of said second end wall of said second insert, said sixth rail adapted to slide vertically into said seventh slot, as said seventh rail slides vertically into said eighth slot.

Claim 24(New): The container of Claim 14 further comprising a partition dividing the container into two portions.

Claim 25(New): A tackle container for holding fishing lures, each lure having a body and a plurality of hooks, the container comprising:

a bottom;

a continuous sidewall surrounding the perimeter of said bottom;

pairs of vertical slots positioned around said sidewall such that each pair of slots is aligned with another pair of slots on an opposite portion of said sidewall;

at least first and second inserts, each said insert comprising a substantially concave barrier extending between first and second end walls, said end walls each comprising a pair of vertical rails opposite said barrier;

wherein said pairs of rails on said end walls of each insert slide into pairs of slots on said sidewall such that said barriers define a channel between said barriers, wherein the lower portion of the channel is horizontally offset from the upper portion of the channel.

Claim 26(New): The container of Claim 25, wherein said barriers converge along said bottom of the container to form a nesting space for holding the hooks of a lure within the lower portion of the channel.

Claim 27(New): The container of Claim 25 further comprising a partition dividing the container into two portions.

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Claim 28(New): The container of Claim 25, wherein each said barrier is segmented.

Claim 29(New): The container of Claim 25, wherein each said barrier comprises a plurality of joined segments.

Claim 30(New): The container of Claim 25, wherein each said barrier is curved.